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Complaint Unjustifiable Librarian Denies Altona East S. S. Children are being Deprived of Library Service

Altona Shire Librarian, Miss Cynthia Paltridge has denied that Altona East State school children have been deprived of a library service.

She says a complaint by Mr. J. E. Mayne, secretary of the Altona East State school committee, was "unjustifiable".

Mr. Mayne said the children were being "deprived" of the library facilities when the school was "denied the regular use of the library".

Miss Paltridge said the number of book borrowings and inquiries from children had not lessened since the school stopped going to the library in classes and the children now going to the library had a much greater motivation for doing so.

MEETING

Mr. Mayne and Miss Paltridge have been asked to meet the shire council in committee to discuss the dispute.

Mr. Mayne had written to the council:

"We, the Altona East State School Committee, are inquiring as to why the school has been denied the regular use of the Altona East Library. It is unfortunate that the school has not a library of its own but a committee, is being formed to start a Library Building Fund."

"Since reading is the key to education, the children are being deprived of an essential facility for learning to read, for research and study. We ask you, if some arrangements could be made for the school to use the Altona East Library, until such time as we obtain our own facilities."

Miss Paltridge had replied in a letter to the council:

"The letter from the secretary of the Altona East State School committee complains that since school classes have ceased to use the library, pupils are no longer receiving a library service. The actual complaint is that children are being deprived of an essential facility for learning to read, for research and study."

"This accusation could be levelled at a school without a library of its own, but to level it at a public library is unjustifiable."

AVAILABLE

"The children of Altona East are most definitely not being deprived of these facilities. There are carrels in the library for independent study and these are readily available to children. The staff assist every day to find the material he needs, whether his interest is personal or motivated by teachers. The books on the shelves are chosen with children's needs and interests in mind."

"It may be thought by the school committee that such greater use is made of the library by a class than by individual children. This is not possible to prove but there is every

indication that it is not true. The number of books issued has not altered since the classes ceased visiting and the number of requests for information does not seem to have decreased. A noticeable difference, however, is that children who ask for assistance now really want the material they are seeking."

"There was a definite tendency during school visits for children to feel they must show an interest by asking the staff to find something. Mr. Mayne often than not these children have no interest whatever in the subject requested, and left the library without any books and without having examined the material found for them."

NO COST

"The library is now available to more children than when the school classes used to visit. The Council's new by-law enables children whose homes are outside Altona to borrow without cost, and a number of children are joining the library as a result."

"Everything is done to ensure that children are satisfied with the service offered. They are allowed to borrow up to six books at a time (a very generous allowance) and they know the staff will help them find books for recreation or study. They freely ask for help in using an encyclopedia or other reference book, or the catalogue. There are no age limits and all individuals, whether adults or three-year-olds, are welcome, and their interests are equally important."

"Many primary schools have no libraries of their own and, until recently, the need for school libraries was not recognised. Now most schools have been convinced of the need for a library to support the teaching programme, but some assume that they have the right to use municipal libraries in lieu of their own library, or until they have established one."

"In effect, they are asking the municipal library to cease being a public library for certain hours of the day to become an extension of the school."

FOR ALL

"It cannot be expressed too strongly that public libraries exist to serve the individual who uses the library voluntarily. They are not geared to be school libraries, university libraries or any other kind.

Each type of library has its own separate functions and areas of responsibility. "The school library exists to support the teaching programme."

"Its interest is in children as students. The public library, on the other hand, is responsible for providing for the great variety of interests in the whole community. No individual or group is more important than another."

REASONS

"Class visits are bad for a public library in the following ways:-

- A class always contains some children who do not enjoy reading. These children are bored by the library visits, and if any of them happen to be leaders, they can do considerable damage to the library's reputation among their friends. I have known this to happen elsewhere.

- Children come to think of the library as a part of the school and their parents consider, understandably, that the books borrowed during a class period are the responsibility of the teachers, not the children. If a class cancels a visit for some reason, many children will think of returning their books after school, but will keep them until the next time the class visits the library. They and their parents do not see why they should be fined for having overdue books.

- The library is open to the whole community, but while a class of 30 to 40 children is in the library, adults avoid it. Some have told the librarian that they feel unwelcome at these times. Some have been seen to retreat on sight of a class within. This is very unsatisfactory. Adults have every right to use the library whenever it is open, but classes take up the whole time of the staff & those few adults who venture in do not receive very good service.

- It is impossible for the one staff member on duty to give assistance to every individual in the class who needs help. Some requests take a considerable time to answer satisfactorily, and it is impossible to deal with complicated enquiries at these times. Children who come to the library in their own time after school, have more time to choose their books and the staff have more time to deal with their enquiries and a much better service is given.

"The re-introduction of class visits would be detrimental to the library and it is hoped that the school library and a public library are two different kinds of library and that both are necessary for the education of their children."

Bill Noonan Receives Shire Award



Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, shakes the hand of Mr. W. Noonan after presenting him with the Shire's Certificate of Merit at the last Council meeting. A member of St. John for many years Mr. Noonan was recently promoted to corps officer.

New Post Office Tender Let

Work on Altona's \$86,000 new post office should begin in early October.

The attractive building of cabana tan bricks with aluminium doors, windows and wide fascia board will be built on the corner of Queen and Blyth Streets.

A covered entrance way will extend along the Pier Street frontage which will have flower and plant boxes.

The 45 square air conditioned building to extend approximately two thirds of the way along the Queen Street frontage of the site will have private letter boxes, public telephones and pebbled areas along this side.

Allowance has been made for future extensions by a

brick veneer wall on the east side.

From the end of the building to the rear lane, way a high brick wall will fully enclose the Queen St. and lane frontages. Provision has been made for a garden in front of the Queen Street wall.

The paved area behind the wall will be used as a loading bay and for car parking.

The specifications and design of the building have been prepared in line with modern trends for all round efficiency and minimum maintenance cost.

The single storey building comprises public space, postmasters office, mail room, lunchroom, store, boiler room, male and female toilet areas and female rest room.

Floors throughout will be vinyl tiles with the exception of the toilet area which will be ceramic tiles.

The walls generally will be finished with a selected colour vinyl plastic coated cloth.

Successful tenderer for the job was the local building firm of H. & L. Weaver Pty. Ltd. The building is due to be completed by May, 1969.

Construction work will not interfere with the postal service.

RETURN BALL

A meeting of debutantes presented at the President's Ball in August will be held at the Homestead, 128 Queen Street, Altona, at 2.30 p.m. next Sunday to discuss a return ball.

Popular feeling is that this ball be held in October. Therefore in view of the limited time available a good attendance is requested.

Schoolboy Cyclists' Mixed Success

James Williamson of Altona North came second in the Australian Schoolboys Championship Repechage last Saturday.

A member of the Footscray Cycling Club James was riding for Altona North Technical School.

Another Altona rider, Tom McEwen of Altona High School, was well placed in the race and appeared a likely winner when he fell at the six mile mark of the 8 mile race.

He limped across the finishing line riding a badly buckled bike and with blood oozing from abrasions.

But his fall was somewhat compensated for on the Sunday at Morwell.

In a "Criterion" race — continual lapping of a circuit, in this case 7 times around a one mile circuit — Tom finished fourth. He was presented with a Sattin-glow silverware gift.

BEST TATTING EXHIBIT IN ROYAL SHOW ENTERED BY ALTONA NORTH WOMAN

One of the main prize winners in the Arts and Crafts Section of this year's Royal Melbourne Show is Mrs. A. M. Ryan of Marigold Avenue, Altona North.

With her tatting she was awarded the special prize to the exhibitor of the Best Piece of Tatting.

COUNCIL CALLS FOR INQUIRY

The shire council has called for an inquiry into the water pollution problems in the drains running into the bay at Altona.

It has invited leading water pollution expert Mr. C. D. Parker to appear before the council in committee.

It has also asked him to give the council his idea on the likely effect of the sewerage purification plant.

The move to invite him was presented to council by Crs. Grant and Burns.

The new building does not extend as far back as the present post office. On completion the staff will move from the old building to the new.

The present post office which was erected as temporary building about 18 years ago will be demolished.

Previous to this the post office was situated in the front corner of Melletts licensed grocery store. The post office operated from a part of the section now used for liquor sales.

EDITORIAL

PROGRESS

At the last Council meeting \$150,000 was added to the Shire's loan liability.

The repayments will entail a charge against revenue of some \$15,000 annually.

These and other loans place a burden on the Shire's finances but they are the price of progress.

If we regard expenditure variously as reasonable, desirable or necessary the purpose of these loans must be accepted as most essential.

They are essential to the progress of the Shire. Without them its development would be lessened.

One third will be spent on practical works to improve Pier Street parking. It will be recovered by a special rate on the business people of that area. They have agreed that certain things must be done and paid for to preserve and develop trade in their vicinity.

Another third will be used to build a barrel drain in the Truganina Reserve. This is a first step in the making of Laverton Estate ready for housing. Other loan expenditure will be necessary as this vital project proceeds.

The remainder of the loans will be the Council contribution to Country Roads Board works in the Shire. The activity of the C.R.B. in the Shire particularly in Millers Road is assisting to answer definite traffic problems.

From time to time other loan expenditures will be recorded. If any can pass the test as well as these items they will be good for Altona.

While it is most necessary that the closest examination must be made prior to any expenditure and particularly that from loans there will never be sufficient excuse for delaying necessary and essential works.

"ALTONA STAR" DART TEAMS KNOCK-OUT CUP

After a bitterly fought match under adverse conditions the Rovers win in the Altona Star Knock-Out competition played at the Altona Working Men's Club on September 16 was most meritorious.

Rovers defeated the Bristol seven matches to five. Semi finals and final were played on the same night. The surprise of the evening came in the first semi with the defeat of Seaholme (Association Premiers) by the Bristol Hotel team seven matches to three.

In the second semi final the Rovers Dart club team decisively defeated the team from Mac's Hotel, Melton again by seven matches to three. This could have been revenge for the Rovers who, in the last of the recent home and home games, had their unbeaten record dented by the odd point by Melton. The final of the Knock-Out Competition was fought between the teams from the Bristol Hotel and the Rovers Club.

"Fought" is the word — the game was a bitter battle — verbally apart from skill. The Rovers comfortably won the team games, followed by the next three singles.

Although it was in the singles that E. Healy of Bristol narrowly missed his double to allow J. Crooks of Rovers to consolidate their lead.

The Western Suburbs

Darts Association singles champion, Doug Strick, decisively defeated his opponent to record the Bristols first point.

The Rovers now faced a hostile gallery but the team had the courage and determination to play the game as gentlemen and sportsmen.

After Strick's win for Bristol the game fluctuated, possibly due to the continued barracking against the Rovers by spectators who after all this time could be expected to conduct themselves at an important event.

At the commencement of the doubles matches the Rovers led six games to three.

The following two doubles were deservedly won by Bristol to bring the scores to 6-5 in the Rovers favour.

With one match to play Bristol had to win to level the score. Amid increasing clamour from the gallery Eddie Healy, captain of Bristol, appealed for quietness and requested sportsmanship not gamesmanship.

In reasonable silence the vital game was played and the Rovers pair, Ledwards and Millardship, narrowly defeated their opponents and the game and match was won for the Rovers.

THREE 'A' GRADE PENNANTS IN THREE YEARS

For the third year in succession the Altona Basketball Club has won the men's A Grade Church of England Basketball Competition pennant.

In a close match Altona defeated Northern C.C. 43-41.

Six of the present players — Robert Johnstone, Max Johnstone, Ken Burbridge, Alan Knights, John Carr and Ken Beckett — have played in all three pennant winning teams.

Other members of this year's team (a couple have played in two of the premiership teams) are Brian Kerle, Alan Hughes, Paul Waller, Reider Sans and Neal Gilham.

In the grand final this year Altona got a fright in the first half as at the break they were 11 points down to Northern.

Altona was not playing up to form as in the semi final against Northern the locals easily ran out the winners by 23 points.

But the second half developed into a hard, tough and fast game with Altona capitalizing on Northern's mistakes and scoring an other 22 points.

Next season will see more new faces in the team. Several of the long standing top players in the team will not be available.

Robert Johnstone, Burbridge, Kerle and Knights will be playing in Victorian championship matches.

Fire Fighting Demonstration at Refinery

A demonstration of various fire fighting techniques by RAAF fire teams was held yesterday afternoon, Wednesday, September 18, at the P.R.A. fire training ground. The demonstration was under the control of Warrant Officer Jackson (RAAF), and Fire Crew Teams from all companies of the Altona complex participated.

A comprehensive program was arranged to enable the Fire Crews from the various companies to view the latest RAAF fire fighting equipment extinguish and control specially simulated fires and conditions.

The exercise was one of many such activities programmed by these companies designed to maintain and improve their Mutual Aid assistance objectives.

Travel Service Opens in Modern Office

For the first time in Altona a business dealing exclusively in travel services has been opened in a modern office in the "Sixteen Shops Centre", Millers Rd., Altona North.

The office is a branch of Sunshine Travel Service which has been operating for a number of years.

Manager will be Mr. Paul de Bono who has several years experience in arranging travel for clients.

He plans to specialise in local and interstate bus tours.

Residents planning interstate trips or tours to Europe are invited to contact him. He also will assist bridal couples with their honeymoon plans.

One of the main features he offers is loans to \$3000 with no security or mortgage and allowing clients to travel now and pay later.

Mr. de Bono will cater for all nationalities — as well as speaking English he speaks Maltese and Italian. The Sunshine Travel Service is a member of the Australian Passenger Agency Committee.

Adult Support Needed for Altona North Little Athletics

Support by parents and other interested people is urgently being sought by the Altona North Little Athletics Club.

If this support is not forthcoming it may be necessary to disband the club and disappoint the sixty eager young members.

Parents and others are invited to attend a meeting at the Altona North State School, Cresser St., at 8 p.m. next Monday, September 23.

Guest of the evening will be professional runner, Leo Charles, who could become coach of the young athletes.

Cr. P. A. Burns Deputy Shire President

Cr. Burns has been appointed Deputy Shire President for 1968-69.

This decision of the Council was reported but inadvertently he was given the title of Deputy Shire Secretary.

Cr. Burns is Deputy Shire President and Mr. H. Trueman is continuing his duties as Deputy Shire Secretary.

Altona Defeated in Men's LTAV Final

Although the Altona team lost to Eglemont 4 rubbers to 2 in the men's final of the Lawn Tennis Association of Victoria competition, their appearance in the finals was a triumph as this was the club's first season of LTAV pennant.

Competing in this section were more than 100 teams and it appears likely Altona will be promoted to a higher grade next year.

In the final day's play of the 2-day match Altona came within one point victory but failed to clinch a place in the final.

Walker and Mellington won their doubles 6-5, 6-4.

C. and J. Trickey reached 5-4 in the first set and held set point but Eglemont fought back and took the set 6-5. Altona applied pressure to take the second set 6-4. But the Eglemont No. 1 pair came back and sealed their victory by winning 6-1.

Eglemont meets Essendon in the grand final.

Youth Club Basketballers Show Promise in First Match

Altona Youth Club Basketballers showed good promise for the coming season in their first match played against the "Tigers" at the Albert Park Stadium on Thursday of last week in the St. Kilda Business Houses 'B' grade competition.

Altona led in the early part of the game but were finally defeated 39-35.

Accurate shooting early in the match gave the locals confidence. But a few deadly accurate shots and timely interceptions by the "Tigers" brought them into the lead at half time.

With their "tails in the air" the Tigers kept pounding away at their basket but luckily for the Youth Club team with only limited success.

Late in the second half the Tigers ran out of steam and gave Altona the chance to catch up.

But time ran out too soon and the Tigers finished 4 points up.

Highest goal scorers for Altona were F. Karpinski 14, J. Karpinski 7.

TENNIS TEAMS

No. 1 Team v Liston Esplanade away — G. Wood, W. Thomas, R. Snowling, Emerg.: C. Sutton, B. Sandilands, H. Shields, S. Keown, J. Walker.

No. 2 Team v Yarraville at home — R. Groves, G. Crofts, C. Sutton, Emerg.: G. Macdonald, B. Walker, Donald, L. Smith, R. Webb.

No. 3 Team v Liston Esplanade away — G. Macdonald, G. Rowe, A. Findlay, Emerg.: M. Penfold, Y. Robertson, L. Hyde, B. Colvin, J. Young.

Those unable to play please notify the emergency and also C. Sutton (398 1872) or J. Trickey on 398 2746.

CANBERRA DIARY

by MERV. LEE, M.P.

"Is the Tullamarine Airport going to be permitted to function fully — 24 hours per day, as it should, or are noise problems going to beat the planning authorities and prevent the use of the Jetport at night?"

This is the question I raised this week in Parliament.

How stupid and unbusinesslike it would be if the noise disturbs householders so much that the Jetport could be used only during the daytime. This is the reason why I am insistent that homes, hospitals, and schools must be built away from the flight paths of aircraft. I spoke on this matter in the house on Thursday night last.

The Government Members Civil Aviation Committee has been working on the noise problem for some time, and we were pleased to hear that some noise research staff are to be appointed to the Department shortly.

THE WOOL PROBLEM

On Monday last, I visited the CSIRO Textile Research Laboratories in Belmont, Geelong, and the Godfrey Hirst Woollen Mills with other members of the Government Members Wool Committee.

The Committee which represents woolgrowers all over Australia discussed current research projects with Dr. M. Lipson, Director of the CSIRO Laboratories, and in the afternoon were the guests of Mr. McKendrick of Godfrey Hirst Woollen Mills.

There is no doubt that the current unsatisfactory returns from wool growing are a threat both to producers themselves, and to the Australian economy.

Altona West School News

Six best quality basketballs are being purchased by the Altona West State School Committee for the children's ball games.

This action was agreed to at the meeting held on September 11 when it also was decided to send a letter to the Attorney General, Mr. A. G. Rylah, and local police, seeking extra police patrols in the district.

The committee has undertaken a tree planting scheme Sugar gums have been planted and wattles will be placed in suitable areas.

Action has begun on school extensions. Construction of the first two of the proposed ten classrooms will be added to the school has been commenced.

A number of teacher appointments for 1969 have been released.

Altona West has had 5 new lady teachers appointed for next year.

Associates' Golf

Results of play, Tuesday, September 17, 1968: —

Foursomes Stableford: Winners — 37 points, Mrs. P. Jeffrey (29) and Mrs. M. Esse (29). Runners-up — 37 points, Mrs. J. Parkinson (27) and Mrs. H. Harrison (32).

ALTONA FOOTBALL CLUB

PRESENTATION BALL —

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WRIGHT - VICKERY WEDDING



Photographed in the garden after their marriage earlier this month at St. Leo's Roman Catholic Church, Altona North, are Mr. and Mrs. John Wright.

The bride, the former eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vickery of North Melbourne and the groom is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Wright of Irwin Avenue, Altona North.

All members of the bridal party are migrants, both families having come to Australia only three years ago.

The bride wore a silk gown covered by a lace redingote. Her full-length veil was held in place by a pearl trimmed coronet. She carried a bouquet of lily of the valley and roses.

Bridesmaids were Elizabeth Wright (groom's sister) and Lyn Vickery (bride's sister). Flowergirls were Yvonne Ellerton.

All wore long frocks of burnt orange crepe and carried orange and white rose bouquets.

Best man was Erroll Hyde.

At the reception for 65 guests held at Talbot Hall, Williamstown, a telegram was read out from the bride's aunt, in Bombay, India.

When the couple left the reception the bride wore a camel coloured ensemble and brown accessories.

Spastic Building Fund Street Stall

Approximately \$80 was raised by members of the Altona Spastic Relief Association at a street stall last week to raise money for the Association's building fund.

The Association is appreciative of donations received and patronage of the stall, both of which helped to make it such a great success.

STREET STALLS

The following street stall dates have been granted by the council:

Pier Street, 1st Altona Scout Group, 14th December. Pier Street Spastic Relief Assn., 14th September. The Circle: Brooklyn Guides and Brownies, 21st September. Pier Street: 4th Altona Scouts, 5th October. The Circle: 3rd Altona Scouts and Cubs, 18th October.

They honeymooned at Lakes Entrance.

ALTONA DISTRICT HOSPITAL

Notice of 29th Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of Life Governors and Contributors will be held at the Hospital on Friday, September 27, at 8 p.m.

BUSINESS

To confirm the Minutes of the previous Annual Meeting.

To receive the Report of the Board of Management and the Balance Sheet and Audited Statement of Accounts for the year ended June 30, 1968.

To elect five (5) members of the Board of Management. The following members of the Board of Management retire in accordance with the provisions of the Hospitals and Charities Act, but are eligible for re-election.

W. CRESSER;
ALICE FARRANT;
R. RIVETT;
EDITH ROACH;
ONE VACANCY.

To appoint an Auditor for twelve (12) months and fix the remuneration for audit services.

To transact any other business of which seven (7) days notice in writing has been given.

Nominations for the above positions must be lodged with the Secretary by 4 p.m., Monday, September 16, 1968, at the Altona District Hospital.

EDITH ROACH, Secretary.

CIVIC SERVICE PRAISED

Dear Sir,

I read with interest your coverage of the Civic Service held on September 8, at the request of the Shire President.

May I simply add to your coverage my delight and hope for the future of the Church which this service has meant to me. The Churches of our community of Altona have not been marked with excessive co-operation in the past, and we have to thank our Civic leaders for their initiative in asking for this service and the implicit challenge to the Churches to work together to make the Service meaningful as a total community effort. To Cr. Crofts I believe goes the chief credit for initiative in this Service — and he I know acknowledges his debt to the past Presbyterian Minister the Reverend John Haysey — and for my own part I thank him for the challenge.

As an Anglican Priest I naturally think of the effect on relations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Anglican Church of the visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury — Dr. Fisher — to the Pope some years ago. In one way. It is my hope that our first Civic Service dramatic event centuries of suspicion were swept in Altona which embraced representatives of every Christian persuasion in active participation in worship together will have had a similar effect on our relations with each other. For part I am sure it will bear rich fruit in improved inter-Church relations in Altona.

Yours Sincerely,
JOHN LAWLEY,
Vicar, St. Eanswythe's Anglican Church, Altona.

BEACH CLEANING

The shire council plans to ask the State Government for \$2,000 towards the cost of beach cleaning this summer.

ENGAGEMENT

VARGA-GROVES

Mr. and Mrs. J. Varga of 38 Galvin St., Altona, have pleasure in announcing the engagement of their elder daughter, Emily, to Godfrey, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Groves, 23 Hannan St., Williamstown.

ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Heather of Fifth Avenue, Altona North, announce with pleasure the engagement of their elder daughter Pearl, to Graham, only son of Mrs. E. Laird of Royner Street, Altona, and the late Mr. A. Laird.

Music Society News

A dried flower arrangement demonstration will be held on Thursday, September 20, at 8 p.m. in the "Homestead" in aid of the Junior members of the A.M.S.

There will be a lucky seat Number. Tea and biscuits will be served. Come along and help the Juniors. Admission 25c.

The Junior Choir members will be holding a street stall in December. Anyone interested in helping towards gifts for the stall, soft toys, knitting, home-made jams, pickles, etc. or any saleable gifts will be appreciated. They could be left at 178 Queen Street, Altona. Miss A. Foster, choir mistress and treasurer will be in charge.

The senior choir would welcome new male and female voices on a Wednesday evening at 6.30-8.00 p.m. for the new show that is now being cast for Christmas and future concerts.

The Society meets in the Homestead for practices. There are excellent prospects for an Altona Choir or Choral Society. Ring 398-1809, or call at the Homestead for further particulars. No auditions will be necessary.

The accordion band meet every Friday evening at 7.30 in the Homestead. These young folk are very interested and making good progress. The band is under the leadership of Mr. F. Manning. There is also an instrumental band which meets every Friday evening at 7.30 in the Homestead which is opposite the library in Queen Street.

Working Men's Club Associates

Rachael York cosmetics will be demonstrated at next Monday night's (September 23) meeting of the Altona Working Men's Club Associates.

A good attendance is anticipated and it is hoped all new members will be there.

Social bowls are being played every second Tuesday commencing at 11 a.m. Prizes are presented to players in the winning rink and the next day of play will be October 1.

Lady dart players are reminded that players meet in the Ladies Lounge at 8 p.m. every Wednesday evening. Last week's winner was Mrs. Ivy Gibson.

Everybody present seemed to thoroughly enjoy the Hawaiian night last Friday.

Guests were welcomed at the door by associates in costumes who handed out leis and flowers. The gay decoration of tables and the hall helped set the mood for the night.

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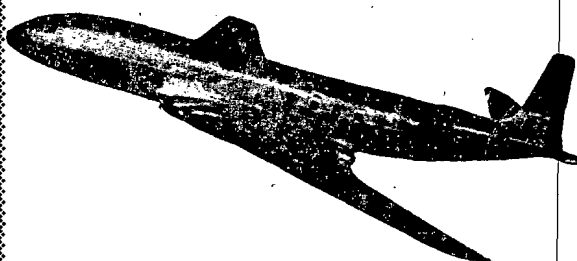
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MOTHER'S CLUB WALK

The Mother's Club of Altona North High School have organised a sponsored walk, on September 22, at 11 a.m. The walk will start and end at the High School and cover a distance of 8 miles within the Shire of Altona.

The cost is a minimum of 5 cents a mile, the purpose of the walk to raise money for the Assembly Hall to be built in memory of the late Richard McGill, former headmaster.

It is to be hoped that the response of intending walkers and sponsors will make this venture highly successful. Anyone wishing to participate in either capacity, walker or sponsor, may obtain the necessary forms and information from the school.

4th Altona

Scouts Auxiliary

This is an urgent call to mothers of Scouts or Cubs to attend meetings and support their own boys of 4th Altona.

The next Auxiliary meeting will be on Friday September 27, at 7.30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. H. Stevens 19 Maidstone Street. It will be followed at 8.00 p.m. by a Beauty flora demonstration. Donation 30 cents and supper will be served.

New Navy Recruit



The start of a life in the Navy for Recruit Stephen Denis Ives, of Davies Street, Altona, Victoria. He gets a complete set of gear at HMAS CERBERUS, the RAN's training establishment at Westernport, Victoria. Aged 17, Stephen was born in the United Kingdom. He is among the latest intake of junior recruits at CERBERUS.

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A Fourteen Mile Walk

Financing a multi-thousand dollar building will soon callous and blister feet at St. Paul's College, Altona North. In a fund raising effort planned for Saturday, October 5, 2000 students and friends of the college will walk almost fourteen miles for the benefit of major school expansions due for completion in early 1969.

Beginning with a small swell, the idea of a walkathon to raise funds for the new building has mounted to a point where it is now a huge wave about to crash upon the college life.

Spearheaded by St. Paul's Bro. William Callahan, the notion of a walkathon was presented to faculty and the Parents and Friends Association one month ago. Since then, enthusiasm has been shown from all quarters, and the organising committee obtained professional help to manage the endeavour.

Mr. Paul White, Operations Manager of St. Patrick's Cathedral Catholic Diocesan Fund Raising Service, is Co-ordinator of the walkathon. The Fund Raising Service has operated sacrificial giving campaigns during the past eight years in seven of the parishes concerned with St. Paul's College. In full swing now, the Co-ordinator has an able-bodied executive working with him on every detail of what he hopes will raise \$10,000 for the college.

Mr. Clarence Bravo, Newport, Chief Route Marshal, working with Mr. Richard Ford, Altona, has planned the walk through Altona North, Newport, Williamstown, Spotswood and Brooklyn regions from which come a major part of St. Paul's students. A busy man, but dedicated to the walkathon, Mr. Bravo intends to walk the entire route before October 5.

As recruiting officer, Bro. Paul has the college's 500 boys pretty excited about the walk, especially since he promises 500 Mount St. Joseph's girls to come from their Altona West campus for the occasion.

Bro. Paul is presently asking students and other walkers to get sponsors who will guarantee their 10 cents per mile in the walkathon. Already students have responded with \$1.00 and \$2.00 per mile promises! The walkathon will leave the college at 11.30 a.m. on the Saturday. It will finish back at St. Paul's at approximately 5 p.m., at which time there will be a barbecue set up by the ladies of the Parents and Friends Association. This barbecue promises to be the largest picnic gathering in the history of Altona. Other attractions are also planned. Merv. Lincoln, the

Olympic Miller, will be walking. Peter McKenna of Collingwood Football fame will be on the scene. Kevin Sanders of GTV9 will be at the barbecue and will host dozens of other prominent sporting and entertainment personalities.

Recently appointed Headmaster of the college, Fr. Daniel Winters, entertains high hopes for the walkathon project. Although he will be in Canberra on October 5, he has the assurance that his eighteen member staff of Marianist Brothers and lay teachers will be participating in the walk, and is looking forward to having the whole student body, parents, parish priests, nuns and civic officials taking part. He is likewise confident that walkers will meet with generous response in getting backers and that the day will be an overwhelming success.

Gellibrand Division — 2nd Brooklyn Pack

Catherine Acocks was enrolled at the Browne Revel held at the "Pines" Altona, by Division Commissioner, Mrs. Greasley.

Josie Webster was enrolled this week at Pack Meeting and is now a member of the Fairies.

Service Stars have been presented to the following: 3rd Year — Susan Chapman, 1st Year — Brenda Thomas, Gail Gambles.

Robyn Mayne (Gnomes) and Susan Harris (Fairies) were presented with Sixer Stripes. Gail Gambles (Gnomes) Ann Toole (Fairies) Brenda Thomas (Pixies) and Judith Matthews (Elves) are acting Second Sixers.

Tests passed: Buttons — Brenda Thomas, Road Rules — Wendy Strickland, Brenda Thomas, Balancing — Judith Matthews, Health — Sandra Hoare, Ruth Hoare, Wendy Strickland, Ball (GL) — Anne Toole, Robyn Mayne, Susan Harris, Skipping (GL) — Anne Toole, Knitting — Morag Campbell, Folding Clothes — Susan Chapman.

ALTONA PIGEON CLUB

Results from 4th Hay.

1st: W. Haigh & Son, 5.18.46, 1283 ypm. 2nd: D. Siphorth, 5.22.45, 1267 ypm. 3rd: R. Mizzi, 5.24.47, 1258 ypm. 4th: J. & N. Walsh, 5.26.18, 1250 ypm. 5th: G. & H. Ward, 5.33.2, 1228 ypm.

ST. JOSEPHS RAFFLE

The school building fund will benefit from the car raffle being run by Mt. St. Joseph's Parent Auxiliary. The lucky winner will be announced at a social evening next Saturday, September 21, at Mt. St. Joseph's. GTV9 television personality, Kevin Sanders will draw the winning ticket at 8.30 p.m.

ROCKBANK S.S. CENTENARY

The centenary of Rockbank State School will be celebrated on Saturday, October 12, 1968, from 10.30 a.m. onwards. Past teachers and pupils and former residents are cordially invited to attend the festivities. The Secretary is Mr. M. Lukekus (phone Rockbank 1).

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Council to Borrow \$150,000

The Shire Council is to borrow \$50,000 for the Pier St. off-street parking plan and \$100,000 for its contribution to CRB works and part of the cost of the installation of the barrel drain through Truganina Reserve.

The drain will take excess water from the Laverton Estate.

The Commonwealth Savings Bank had offered a loan of \$50,000 in connection with the obtaining of land and the development of such area for off street parking. The State Savings Bank has offered the \$100,000 loan.

Loans will be repayable in half-yearly instalments at an interest rate of 5.875 per cent per annum.

A total of \$55,000 will be used for the CRB contribution and \$45,000 for the drainage works.

Interest Rate will be at 5.875% with payment of interest and repayment of principal to be made by 30 equal half yearly instalments of \$2,530.40 to be secured over a special rate of the Council by a Mortgage Deed to be prepared by the Bank.

4,500 CALVES ON FARM

One of the most productive cattle stations in the Commonwealth and one that is famous for the quality of its beef cattle lies only 24 miles from Melbourne. It is the Board's farm at Werribee, where this year's calf drop has been in progress since May.

Already 4,500 Aberdeen Angus, Hereford and Short-horn calves have been born, with another 500 expected before the season ends in a few weeks. About half of the calves are heifers which will provide replacements in the breeding herd. The remainder are bull calves, a few of which will be reared as stud sires; the others will be steered and fattened and eventually sold at Newmarket as prime beef.

A team of 30 stockmen look after the calves. There is no artificial fostering on the farm and any cow not a good milker or which will not rear a calf is culled. With the large number from which to choose, heifers and cows are culled heavily each year and then fattened for sale.

The 26,809 acre farm, of which 18,000 acres are used for grazing, carries 15,000 head of cattle as well as 45,000 sheep.

Motorists Watched in Altona North

The police are planning to watch for speeding motorists at the corner of Mills and Mason Sts., North Altona.

The police have already caught 17 speedsters there with an omphometer.

Superintendent J. R. Miller of Flemington district police headquarters has written to the council:

"The speed of traffic passing through the intersection of Mills and Mason Streets, Altona North, has received the attention of members of the Force. Use of the omphometer resulted in the prosecution of 17 offenders for excessive speed through the intersection, and other prosecutions have been launched for failing to give right of way and for exceeding 35 m.p.h."

"It is considered that the worst times for offences are early in the morning and late in the afternoon. Strangely, no accidents are recorded at Kingsville as having occurred at this intersection this year and Kingsville is the Station where all such accidents are recorded, irrespective of where they were originally reported. However, despite this, when Sergeant Shanahan of Kingsville and I visited the intersection, we noticed the sign in the middle of the median strip showed signs of a recent collision."

"This intersection and locality will continue to receive police attention."

Efficient Reading Demonstration at Altona East State

All parents are invited to the Altona East State School for a demonstration on "How to Read Efficiently" to be given at the school in Marion Street at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 25. Admission charge will be 20 cents.

The evening has been organized by the Mothers Club which also is very busy with plans for the Monster Bazaar to be held on October 12.

Two of the teachers at the school are in the news with the pupils this week.

Congratulations are being offered to Mr. John McConville whose engagement to Miss Carolyn Lewins has been announced.

But it is not a happy occasion for Infant Mistress, Miss M. Grieve. Pupils and their parents are wishing her a speedy recovery from injuries received in an accident.

Millers Rd. Bridge Nearing Completion

Millers Rd. bridge will be finished in mid October.

The shire engineer, Mr. Simmons has told the council that the bridge will be finished well ahead of time. He said it was originally due to be completed nearer the end of the year.

The Country Roads Board has allocated the following funds for the current year: Millers Rd. — Divided Roadway, \$81,500. Millers Road Bridge, \$4,000. Millers Road — Maintenance and Sealing work, \$3,500. Karoroit Creek Road — Maintenance and Resealing work, \$6,000. Queen Street — Maintenance, \$1,060. Merton Street — Maintenance, \$440. Total \$96,500.

The total amount of \$96,500 provided compares with amounts of \$147,750 and \$254,800 provided for 1966-67 and 1967-68 respectively.

ROLL BLANKETS FOR STORAGE SAYS LECTURER ON ELECTRICAL SAFETY

Mr. Don Woodcock, Safety Co-ordinator of Technical Schools, spoke on Electrical Safety at a gathering earlier this month at the Trade Union Clinic and Research Center, Footscray, of representatives from western suburbs industries.

Mr. Woodcock said thirty people died in 1967 from Electrical Accidents in Victoria.

Sixty-five per cent of these deaths were caused by faulty wiring of cords. No figures were available for the many accidents from electricity which did not result in death.

A colour film "The Pulse of Life" was shown to teach mouth to mouth resuscitation and cardiac massage of victims of electrical accidents.

Slides were shown of electric burns of hands and legs. In every case the flesh had been destroyed and the bone exposed.

Mr. Woodcock mentioned electric blankets as a fire hazard, and gave a hint for the coming summer—Roll your electric blanket when you are putting it away during the warmer weather. Do not fold it as the wires often break.

Mr. Stan Peterson, Safety Officer of Australian Paper Manufacturers assisted in demonstrating faulty electric equipment. He also gave first aid procedures.

ALTONA TENNIS

Club Championships, September 22.

B GRADE MIXED —

9.00 a.m.: 1. C. Wood, D. Stephenson v. W. Thomas, S. Morrow.

2. D. White, H. Shields v. Sutton, Walker.

9.30 a.m.: Winner Match 1 v. Russell Orchard. 10.00 a.m.: Winner Match 2 v. Winner Match 3.

B GRADE MEN'S SINGLES

10.30 a.m.: 1. G. Russell v. Thomas. 2. G. Wood v. J. Trickey.

11.00 a.m.: Winner Match 2 v. D. White. 11.30 a.m.: Winner Match 1 v. Winner Match 3.

NO FOOTBRIDGE

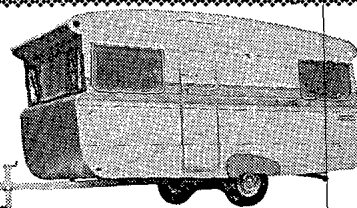
The Board of Works has refused to erect a footbridge across the Truganina swamp outlet channel on the foreshore reserve.

It says it is unnecessary.

The Board has written to the council: "In reply to your letter, dated the 6th May, 1968, relative to the provision of a walkway or footbridge across the above outlet drain in the vicinity of the Altona foreshore reserve, I have to inform you that the Board does not consider the provision of a footbridge across the outlet channel to be necessary at present, and is, therefore, not prepared to accept the cost of construction or maintaining such a structure. The condition of the foreshore will be kept under observation, and the matter may be reviewed in the future."

"Your attention is directed to the fact that a strip of the former foreshore reserve (containing the outfall channel) has been reserved for Public Purposes (Drainage and Sewerage) and that the Board was appointed as Committee of Management for this strip by the Minister of Lands on the 24th June, 1966."

"A notice of this appointment appeared in the Victorian Government Gazette of 2nd February, 1966. I may add that no conditions regarding pedestrian access along the foreshore were expressed or implied in the reservation of this land."



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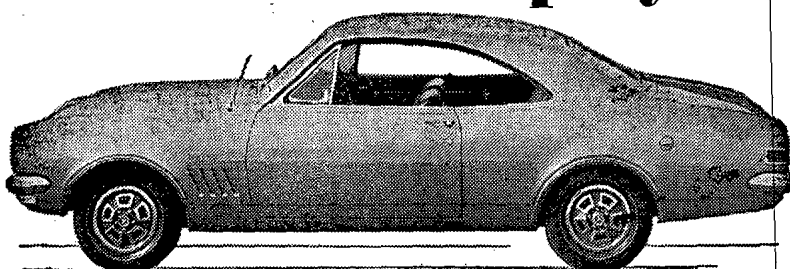
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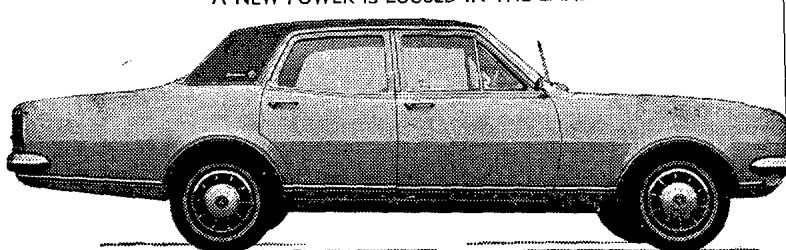
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Hockey Grand Final a Draw

The B North hockey grand final was an anti climax on Saturday when neither side was able to score after 70 minutes of normal time and 30 minutes of extra time had been played. The game will be replayed next Saturday.

Altona were the better side on the day and normally won, but were unable to convert from the few opportunities allowed by the very tight Fairfield defence.

The very rough surface of the ground within the scoring circles, nullified Altona's main scoring strength by making it extremely difficult to get a penalty corner shot away. Although the penalty corner trio were probably the main reason that this team made the finals, a change in tactics was warranted and a stick stop by Baillie on Hunter could have paid dividends.

It was to Altona's credit that the defence was very much tighter than the previous exhibition of kicking, both inside and outside the circle.

Jeremy Hunter once again did a great job on the half line and Lian Baillie thrilled the large crowd with his ball control.

There is no doubt that this is a very strong team. The strength coming from good stickwork, team work and being physically fit — however the forward line lacks authority in front of goal. Where are those high flying, rocket like shots that Hockey Ashman

(snr.), the Douglas brothers or Ron Ford used to crash home. Perhaps the speed of today's game does not allow the forwards enough time to make the shot, but there were about a hundred Altona supporters whose anxiety would have been greatly relieved to see one last Saturday.

Nevertheless we will all be there next week to see if that little bit of luck necessary to separate these closely matched teams, will shine on Altona.

PRESENTATION NIGHT
The hockey club presentation night is September 28 at the Shire Hall at 8 p.m. Ladies are requested to bring a plate. There are still a few members who have not finalised their tickets and they are requested to do so urgently, see R. Studley, 47 Queen Street.

BAR-B-Q
A barbecue will be held at Ron Studley's, 29 Queen Street, for members and their families next Saturday, 21st September, after the grand final.

STOP PRESS
The replay of the grand final will be at the Manningham Road ground, Royal Park at 1.15 p.m. — NOTE THE EARLY START.

SOCCER SAYS THANK-YOU

The just concluded soccer season has been the hardest year since the Altona Club started its long way up the league ladder.

Division 1 is no picnic and this is where the real and financial support of the people of Altona has been of great value. The club wishes to thank all the people who have supported the club.

Fred Kolliger, Billy Ormerod and Billy Ray, now living in Altona were bought from State League sides to ensure that the "Matrons" stayed in the League.

Even before the end of this season the committee has been negotiating for 2 new players to join Altona for next year.

But the future of the club depends on the juniors and what a future it appears.

Altona can be proud of the young lads who are rated best in Australia. Last year they were league winners and Victorian champions and are only one game away from this year's Victorian championships.

The four year contract signed by coach Harry Sutherland, ex Leeds United and Hakoah player, will give him plenty of time to blend a team together.

There is no reason why Australia cannot reach the top in soccer — it is top in nearly every sport. How proud the locals would be if the hard work being undertaken by Altona is rewarded with a world game — a pipe dream, yes, but not impossible.

Altona has been invited to play in Sydney and the entire team leaves for interstate on October 12. The invitation also was extended to the Under 14's who too have accepted the offer.

It is not possible to list the many business men and shopkeepers who have contributed to the Altona Club.

But the club is appreciative of every donation and endeavours to apply each and everyone of them for the betterment of the club. A thank-you to all donors and supporters.

Junior Soccer

Altona Under 12's played South Sunshine at Schintler Reserve Footcray last Saturday, and Altona ran out easy winners 9 goals to nil to reach the final of the Victorian Cup which Altona holds from last season.

Altona lost the toss and kicked with the breeze at their backs. But they did not make full use of it and at half time only led 2 goals to nil.

Because of a determined South defence and some great goalkeeping in the second half Altona cut loose.

All the half back line of Roberts, Donnelly and Gramsbergen came to life and sent a flood of passes to forwards Downes, Burgess and Hamill who in turn burnt the net with some great goals.

South tried very hard and put up a better game than the score suggests.

Hamill scored 2 goals to bring his tally to 50 for the season. A. Downes 3, Burgess 2, Mildenhall 2, were the other goal scorers. Best for Altona: A. Hamill, A. Donnelly, A. Downes.

Altona U14's defeated Northcote Hellas 1-nil in the replay of the Victorian Cup Semi-final at Princes Park and played much better than previously against Northcote.

It was a hard fast game as both teams tried to open the score and hearts missed a beat as play swung from end to end.

Altona scored after 25 minutes but the goal was disallowed for offside.

At half-time there was no score.

Altona had Northcote on the defensive in the second half and did everything but score.

Then after 20 minutes, Northcote handled the ball in the penalty area and everyone stopped breathing

Basketball Presentation Night

The Presentation Night of the Williams'own and District Protestant Girls Basketball Association was held this week at St. Marks Church of England, Spotswood.

Altona Methodist players were well represented with 27 girls as well as parents and friends being present.

The Altona premiership teams, C Grade, B Grade and A Reserve were presented with their shields and each player received a gold medallion.

Altona C Grade captain, 12 year old Roslyn Smith, of Seaholme, won the Williamstown and District best and fairest C Grade trophy. Roslyn polled 34 votes. Congratulations Roslyn from all members of the club.

An excellent performance was recorded by the C Grade team as they polled 84 votes out of the possible 102. This meant that at each game they received 5 votes out of a possible 6.

Presentation night for the Altona Methodists will be held this Saturday, September 21, at the Church Hall, Seves Street, at 7.30 p.m.

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Final scores: Maidstone 10-16, Newport 7-10.
Best players Maidstone: J. Knott 2, (best on the ground), J. Wilson, L. Challis 3, T. Challis 2, Turner, Heard, Delaney 1.
Other goals: Syme 1, Scott 1.

Best players Newport: Martyn 1, Finch, Broadshaw 1, Brodie 1, Withers.
Other goals: Mazouris 1, Peterson 1, Johnston 1, McNamara 1.

Interviewed after the game, victorious Maidstone captain and coach, John Knott modestly stated, "the winning of this premiership was due to a tremendous team effort by all players throughout the season."

Prior to the commencement of the Open Age Grand Final both teams lined up as representatives of South Melbourne club (which sponsors the WSFL) presented medallions to the Best and Fairest winners in the three grades.

Open Age: Christine Hughes Memorial Medal, J. Langdon, West Newport.
Under 18: Fay Tilley Memorial Medal, J. Buckley, West Newport.

Under 16: S. Chatfield, Altona.

League Champion: J. Buckley, West Newport.

This trophy is presented to the player polling most votes in all grades and this is the second successive year in which the trophy has been won by J. Buckley.

Ladies' Hockey

B NORTH — Preliminary Final.

In the preliminary final Altona played Melbourne University at Royal Park No. 6 ground.

Altona had a very strong team and felt assured of victory, but University opened the days play with vigor and determination to score. Within 10 minutes Altona was down 2-0 but were unable to counter University. Altona seemed lethargic and not interested in the game which allowed the University centre forward to lead many of the attacks.

Heather Harley played a great game ably supported by Gail Sutherland who was outstanding all day. Gail endeavoured to inspire the Altona team but without success.

Although Altona's forwards endeavoured to do the right thing they were usually caught offside or mishandled the ball allowing the University half-backs and backs to clear time and again.

University outclassed Altona all day and after slamming another ball into the net in the second half ran a t. easy victors. Altona with an average team age of 17 should do better next year, and full credit must go to the Altona girls who tried to make things work but no matter how hard they tried the rule of the ball always went University's way.

Altona's form throughout the season, to be second on the ladder and to reach the preliminary final, was mostly due to the enthusiasm, interest and plain hard work of the coach Mr. Eric Scherman had given to the team.

The girls in the team would like to thank him for such a successful year, and hope to see him again next season.

Best: Heather Harley, Gail Sutherland.

WESTERN SUBURBS DARTS —

Doug Stirk - 1968 Singles Champion

In an exciting and skilful match local resident Doug Stirk emerged as the victor by three games to one over from title holder, Colin Manner of the Racecourse Hotel, in the final match to decide the 1968 Western Suburbs Darts Champion.

Doug who lives in Kookaburra Street, Altona, plays with the Bristol Hotel team.

In the past he has played for the State and on numerous occasions represented the Western Suburbs Darts Association in inter-league competition, but previously the singles title had eluded him.

Two players from Yarraville, B. Gilman and N. Bennett, also had a three-one victory in the doubles championship, when they proved too strong for the defending champions C. Neal and C. Holton.

Seaholme, leaders of Division 1, defeated Division 2 leaders, Rovers, to win the teams premiership.

In an early set-back Seaholme lost the teams match but at the completion of the singles matches galloped away to a commanding lead of six games to three.

The first of the doubles matches was vital to the Rovers who had to win to stay in the game.

But the astute captaincy of Bailey of Seaholme dashed the Rovers' hopes to the ground. Bailey partnered by K. Kennedy crushingly defeated their opponents and Seaholme became Association Premiers by seven matches to three.

In the match Kennedy threw the maximum of 180 to gain the coveted Victorian Darts Association 180 award.

Seaholme and the Singles and Doubles champions will represent the Western Suburbs Darts Association in the Champion of Champions Tournament conducted by the Victorian Darts Association.

Results of other finals played were:
Ladies Singles: Mrs. T. Laidler defeated Mrs. E. McKenzie 3-0.

Ladies Doubles: Mrs. B. Hyde and Mrs. M. Robinson defeated Mrs. D. Shaw and Mrs. E. Hewdy 3-1.

Mixed Doubles: Mr. and Mrs. C. Neal defeated Mr. and Mrs. J. James 3-2.

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Cinema	51½	60½	53,286
Central			
Hotel	44	68	53,885
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High game: B. Martin 18 (LL), L. White 19 (CH).

High series: M. Hudson 483 (LL), O. Williams 408 (CH).

High game: J. Thompson 181 (RN), J. Matthews 177 (TX). High series: J. Thompson 477 (RN), J. Matthews 441 (TX).

High game: I. Upsdell 136 (BC), H. Hume 131 (TS).

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Altona U-18's Win Football Grand Final

In perfect conditions and before the largest crowd ever at the Newport football ground the Altona Under 18 football team defeated West Newport on Sunday in an electrifying game of football. The final scores were Altona 15.10, defeated West Newport 10.14.

Ray Patton won the toss and elected to kick against a slight breeze towards the grandstand end. Calaz forced Altona forward with a strong punch from the first bounce.

Strong defence by West held play at Altona's half forward line. Then West quickly went into attack; the Altona backs applied great pressure and a series of behinds resulted. West broke the ice when a free in front resulted in full points.

At the centre bounce Calaz put the Altona "machine" into action. Patton and Flett lifted the side around the packs and the Altona forwards took full advantage. Flett gave Stephenson and Calaz chances and they both brought up full points. Flett snapped another goal and Calaz after a towering mark in the goal square kicked Altona's fourth.

Kim Walsh was well on top on his wing and along with Chalmers and Oram they forced Altona into attack. Stephenson kicked truly and Patton, after a spectacular chest mark,

gave Altona its 6th goal straight. At the first change the scores were Altona 6.0, West Newport 1.8.

The second quarter found Altona kicking with the assistance of a slight breeze. West were more determined in this quarter and harassed the forwards into many mistakes. Pateras missed twice with long kicks as did Stephenson and Chalmers. West came back into the game despite the efforts of Male and Zapart and they quickly scored four goals. Clever play by Oram and Page gave the ball to Pateras who scored Altona's only goal for her quarter. The players left the field with Altona 7.5 leading West 5.9.

After half time Altona were still struggling to open up the game. Garde, Brennan and Zapart were doing well but West came into attack and scored relatively easy goals. Thompson now at centre half battled to turn many West New-

port attacks. At three-quarter time Altona 8.5 were trailing West 9.14.

Coach Ken Ross called for an extra effort from all players for the last quarter — the players responded more than handsomely.

Page commenced the quarter with a giant punch from the centre and Flett rushed the ball forward where Pateras goaled from a difficult angle. Stephenson followed with a great kick to bring up full points and make the scores level. Chatfield and Thompson drove Altona into attack where Patton, playing a great captain's game, scored a goal.

Patton and Brennan urged players on and with a great mark Patton kicked truly to put Altona into the lead. This was the beginning of the end for West as Altona turned on some scorching teamwork through the agency of Page, Oram and Chalmers.

Pateras, after a series of handpasses, scored two goals. Then Chalmers burst through a pack to receive a handpass from Flett and goaled. Calaz palmed down to Patton from the centre and a neat pass to Garde gave Altona their seventh goal for the quarter.

The siren sounded on a literally historical scene as Altona ran out premiers for the 1968 season.

Final scores: —
Altona: 15.10.
West Newport: 10.14.

Goalkickers: —
Pateras 4, Stephenson 3, Calaz 2, Patton 2, Flett 2, Chalmers 1, Garde 1.

Best: —
Calaz, Patton, Flett, Kim Walsh, Pateras, Page, Thompson, Chalmers, Garde, Male, Brennan.

DID YOU SEE?

1. Mick Calaz dominate the rucks.

2. "Meatball" Page rise over a pack of eight players to take the mark of the day.

3. The inspiring play of captain Ray Patton and Kevin Flett.

4. Geoff Stephenson's 60-yard goal in the first quarter.

5. The crafty forward play by Dave Chalmers and "Mo" Oram.

6. The great job done by Brian Garde in the second half.

7. Three difficult angle goals by Vic Pateras in the last quarter.

8. Coach Ken Ross "ironed out" by a West Newport supporter while in the process of delivering a message to players near the boundary.

9. Steven Chatfield add life to the half-back line in the last quarter.

10. Bob Grainger and Ray Patton senior in full voice.

11. The pre-match warm up by Bill Ross and the pre-match speech by the coach in the centre of the ground!

12. "Scud" Thompson urging players on around the ground.

13. Backman Brian Garde score his first goal for the past three seasons.

14. The great ovation given to the Shire President, Cr. Crofts, when he congratulated players after the game.

FOOTBALL — St. Paul's Best & Fairest Awards

The under 16 award was won by Peter Brown with 29 votes from Brendan Reidy 23 votes while Gavan Barry was third with 11 votes. Peter Brown had a very consistent season polling votes in 13 out of the 17 games played.

It was a neck and neck struggle in the under 14 awards with victory going to Steve Mandics 22 votes from Danny Norris 21 votes and Shane Jackson 17 votes third. Steve Mandics polled votes in 10 games while Danny Norris featured in 11 games.

The votes were counted last Saturday morning after team photos were taken and at the conclusion the boys made a presentation to their popular coach Gerry Ryan to wind up the season.

BANK APPROVES COUNCIL LOAN

Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, announced today that the Shire of Altona had been given a \$50,000 loan by the Commonwealth Savings Bank.

The money would be used for the replacement of some roadmaking plant.

Cr. Crofts said "Local Government today is an immense undertaking with growing responsibilities and problems. It needs a lot of money to function efficiently and the help of the Commonwealth Savings Bank, which has always been deeply concerned with local progress, is greatly appreciated by my Council."

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UNDER 18 FOOTBALL CLUB PRESENTATION NIGHT

After a great premiership victory on Sunday afternoon the under 18 football team held its presentation night at the Altona Youth Hall.

Guests included the Shire President, Cr. W. L. J. Crofts, the administrator of the Western Suburban Football League, Mr. Hodgson, and Mr. Haack of the Haack's Motor Co., who donated an extremely handsome trophy for the best and fairest player for 1968. The mothers of players, led by Mrs. Patton and Mrs. Thompson, provided a wonderful supper before the presentations began. The trophy winners for the 1968 season were: —
Most Creative Forward: Michael Oram.
Most Consistent: Raymond Patton.
Most Serviceable: Michael Calaz.
Most Determined: Peter Thompson.
Best 1st Year Player: David Chalmers.
Best and Fairest: Kevin Flett.
2nd Best and Fairest: Victor Pateras.
3rd Best and Fairest: Geoff Stephenson and Richard Zapart (equal).
Star Award: Richard Zapart.

Special presentations were also made to Frank Wynands for his services as boundary umpire and to the coach Ken Ross and assistant coach Mr. W. Thompson. The Shire President, Cr. Crofts, presented trophies to players and after congratulating them on their wonderful win, invited the team to a meeting of Council on the fourth Monday of October. The winners of the Special Effort were: —
First: No. F39 (white).
Second: No. D52 (pink).
Third: No. F65 (white).

DART FINAL 4's PLAY OFF NEXT WEEK

The preliminary final and grand final of the Divisional Final Fours competition of the Western Suburban Darts Association will be held at the Bristol Hotel on Monday, September 23, at 7.45 p.m.

Teams to play off are: —
Division 1: Seaholme, Yarraville, Bristol.
Division 2: Rovers, I.C.I., Bridge.

As mine host has organised extended hours the support of more members is sought to make the evening a memorable one.

The support of members was the only disappointment at the recently held championship matches.

A pitifully few number of spectators from the hundreds of Association players watched the exciting and eventful evening of match play.

A reminder to clubs planning to play in the summer competition — applications must be in the hands of the general secretary by this Saturday, September 21.

Also only a few tickets remain available for the Presentation Dance to be held in the Altona R.S.L. Hall on November 2. Tickets are strictly limited. Entry at the door will be by ticket only and sales of tickets cease at the end of this month, September 30.

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Hello Altona! I am back on the Sydney scene once again and would like to introduce you to a wild group I met here recently.

The group, called the Elliot Gordon Union, is back playing at the Sydney digs after an absence of 3 months. And the reason for their absence was the delay in delivery of their new, psychedelic orange amplifiers and p.a. system, which weighs two tons and cost the boys \$3,000.

Naturally, the four groovers in the group have been together for some time and they feel that their investment will pay off because they are one of the top ten groups playing around Sydney at the moment.

"Admittedly, the competition here isn't as strong as it would be in Melbourne," said singer, Ray Grant, 21, "but at the moment we're on a good wicket man."

And indeed they are, because the Elliot Gordon Union own their own Dodge truck besides those huge orange monsters which are as big as any amps that I have seen. "Don't forget to mention that they are the first orange coloured amps in Sydney," said Ray.

I interviewed the group in their own "cavern" where they practice and what an intriguing place it was. The small den contained ghosts, strobe lighting, "No Standing" signs, Carnaby Street posters and a strong smell of Indian incense. We knew that at least two people died in this room not so long ago. (COLEMAN DIVED UNDER THE NEAREST BED), said Charlie Deguara, the bass guitarist and comedian of the group. "And we think we came into contact with their ghosts during a recent seance."

I tried not to look worried as I listened to their story. Apparently the fellows and a friend had decided to have a seance one night for a joke. The joke backfired when a bed lifted two legs off the floor and chairs started moving. Consequently The EGU decided to vacate their haunt until all the ghosts had gone. "We learnt our lesson the hard way," said Charlie.

It was time to change the subject and so I asked them to tell me more of the group's musical history.

The Elliot Gordon Union has been together for two years and their song repertoire includes numbers from Sam and Dave, Eddie Floyd and Jimi Hendrix (who is still a big thing in Sydney). The fellows describe their sound as "soul" and singer Ray Grant certainly has a great gravelly "soul" voice. There is no person in the group called Elliot Gordon but the boys took the name from a person who helped them when they played more commercial material.

The Union has provided backing for Phil Jones, Bobby Thomas and Robbie Peters. Discos and dances they have played at include Uplight, Op Pop, Wayside Chapel, Rave, Tempest and the Tempe Retired Fishermen's Prawn Night. Ray Grant (21)

Singer and Chief Spokesman— At 21 years of age, Ray is a gas soul singer. I would not say that he has a real versatile voice because I feel that the gravelly edge to his singing is suited purely to soul and blues.

Ray puts a tremendous amount of effort and feeling into every number he does. His p.a. system, comprising two speaker boxes and an amplifier cost him \$938.

LIKES: Birds, grog, soul music.

DISLIKES: Getting up in the morning, stuck up people, people who refer to him as an animal.

F A V O U R I T E ARTISTS: Beatles, Sam and Dave, Aretha Franklin, Charlie Guevara (24) Bass guitarist and comedian— Charlie is Sammy Davis Jr., Mickey Rourke, Jimi Hendrix and Stevie Nicks all rolled up into one ball of plasticity. When he wears his "granny" specs he looks the spitting image of Sammy Davis and one of his favourite pastimes is getting together with brother John and imitating Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis and Bing Crosby.

A connoisseur in the true sense, Charlie drives an old white Mercedes which he takes great pride in. He does not know how he got in the group. "I'm just there man," he told me. "I have no past and no future baby."

LIKES: Mercedes, anything he can lay his hands on, smashing up cars, the weaker sex.

DISLIKES: Filling up radiators, horrible nightmares.

F A V O U R I T E ARTIST: James Brown.

Christopher Rees (21) Drummer and sensible member of group— Chris has been drumming for five years and claims to have bought the first set of Sonor drums in Australia. He got them in Sydney not long ago. Chris's favourite drummer is finger-style expert Philly Jo Jones.

LIKES: Coffee, food, and wasting time.

DISLIKES: Onions and washing time.

F A V O U R I T E ARTISTS: Gino Washington, Otis Redding.

Garry Lothian (21) Lead guitarist and quiet member—

Garry who has had three years experience is like most lead guitarists—dedicated. He is the quiet, thoughtful member of the group.

LIKES: Music and blues records.

DISLIKES: Searching for milk bottles.

F A V O U R I T E ARTISTS: Eric Clapton and Jeff Beck.

"Oh! I nearly forgot to mention Leigh who owns the den and a grouse iridescent green hot rod."

The Elliot Gordon Union send their regards to all readers of "Stars, Saints and Sinners" and they look forward to a tour of Melbourne in the not too distant future.

If you feel like writing to any particular member in the group address your letters to Elliot Gordon Union, c/- 567 Homer Street, Earlwood, Sydney.

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WHAT'S NEW BABY?

I must try and get a viewing on the film featuring Bobby Dylan and Joan Baez who have been crowned the "Bonny and Clyde of the protest movement."

You can read the views of Joan Baez in her book "DAYBREAK" if and when it is released here.

The Russians seem to think that the Watutsi dance is a threat to their society.

LOCAL SCENE

Ted Dellemyn is alleged to be in possession of some attractive articles. How basic can you get?

The Big "JAM" McEwen has finally sent word from Scotland. Would you believe—alive and well? Reports of a group called the Taste.

Hear tell that the Christopher Nickleby Action were a good group.

Percy reports that the Bay City Union are only fair now. What did you expect mate?

Noel Rafferty still taking guitar lessons.

Apparently there was a big stir over the sacking of certain journalists when "Everybody's" folded up. But maybe Australasian Post will absorb them.

This column could be on the move again shortly.

VICIOUS RUMOURS

Will Russell Morris join Igauana?

Or how about Noel Smith and his organ becoming Brown-Eyed? STIR! STIR!

Local Group

Stretch Humnam of 22 Platoon wishes to be remembered to Johnny Duncan, Pagey and all the boys who remember him from South. Small world isn't it?

How is Danny baby going at Kapooka?

Has "Fingers" Nicholson been on any more raids?

Have you been to see Chairman Mao lately Ian? Trust that the Altona Dance is still drawing good crowds and that you are all enjoying and behaving yourselves.

GOSSIP COLUMN

Sammy's got a new car. Sucks has had a prang in the Monaro already?

Deadly Earnest didn't appear at Werribee after all something about a stuck lid on his coffin.

Cheryl still recommends "Lilys" and Berties the in-pace on week nights.

Dunno has had a large trim. Sal's beard is one week old.

Bluey has become a real gentleman. Alfred Hitchcock's "The Birds" film gathered a big audience on Tuesday.

Is the Werribee dance dropping off so much that Mike Barnett has started to patronize the Altona dance?

Blondie is trading in her guitar for a wedding ring. Latest craze sweeping Altona—get a sewer.

Word from Scotland—Jim McEwan (ex Jam) is making his bread as a baker.

La Hampson (ex Devil's Disciples) has a bass-guitar for sale.

103 days left in 1968. Has the Council seen about more ladders on the end of the Altona pier ready for the summer swimming crowds.

Robert McCallum ex Altona H.S. student—cum surfer home from Vietnam in February.

Adrian Bell's "White Terror" temporarily out of action. Should hear some more about his new group.

About time we heard from the Keyboard" again. Ted Dellemyn (ex External's) managing "Articles of Attraction".

"Peace is with the Shapes of Things"—a Williamstown based group. Will Jam rate anywhere high in the "Battle of the Sounds"? Today is the last day.

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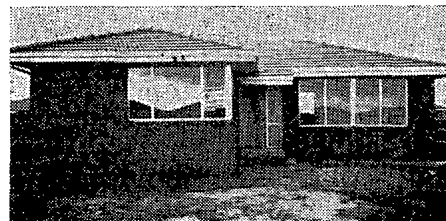


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